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## Owning a pet in college

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On a warm day in Milledgeville, it is not uncommon to see students and their pets lounging on front campus or playing a good game of Frisbee. Having a furry or in some cases scaly friend proves to be a popular theme at GC.

The type of pet students get usually depends on what their schedules look like and the space where they live.

“Fish are apparently the easiest pet to take care of, so we had to do that. One time my roommate forgot to feed it and it lived for 6 weeks without being fed,” said Michael Newcomer, freshman geography major.

According to the 2017-18 APPA National Pet Owners Survey, the most common pet type is a freshwater fish. People tend to gravitate towards an easy-to-take-care-of-pet when choosing what to get, especially in college.

“Having my pet turtle doesn’t really affect my school life because he is very low maintenance. I have to feed him twice a day and clean his tank



Courtesy of Perri Olton

Perri Olton poses with her pet cat Louis

about every one or two weeks,” said Lexi Pellack, sophomore athletic training major.

For students who don’t prefer slimy and scaly pets,

cats are an easy to take care of animal that is more interactive than a pet that lives in a tank.

“I love animals and have always wanted a cat

of my own, and I’ve always wanted one to help me with my anxiety,” said Perri Olton, a senior anthropologist major.

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## Tennis star wants to stay in states

**Taylor Keil**  
*Staff Writer*



Courtesy of Lexie Baker

Jannik Kumbier practicing on Jan. 31, 2019

Jannik Kumbier is one of the top players on the Bobcat men’s tennis team. He has proven he can not only bounce back from hard-

ships but also prosper, even after a right wrist injury. He posted a 28-11 record in the Spring 2018 season.

An international student from Neumunster, Germany, Kumbier moved here after his senior year of high school, when he was recruited as an athlete on scholarship. He graduated from Immanuel Kant Schule, where tennis and intensive education were integral parts of his life. Communication with a former GC tennis player and a recruiting company promotion back home in Germany also helped seal the deal in making GC Jannik’s college home.

He chose GC because he said, “It is an ideal combination of athletics and academics.”

While thoroughly enjoying his time here in the states, Kumbier reminisces on his hometown from time to time. His love of German rap, reading and watching movies gives him a break from grinding

tennis on court, whether he is at GC or abroad.

“My childhood in Germany was awesome,” Kumbier said. “My family and friends were amazing; I had everything I needed to be successful.”

Kumbier’s passion for the sport began when he was a child.

“I started playing tennis at a very young age, like five maybe,” Kumbier said. “My parents got me to begin the sport. While at first I would hit just for fun, I began practicing more seriously around nine or 10 and have stuck with it ever since.”

Kumbier is a double major in economics and political science. After graduation, he plans to stay in the U.S. and pursue a career in finance or consulting. Although Kumbier’s homeland lies nearly 4,600 miles away, he has fallen in love with the U.S. after spending his college

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## GMC student dies in GC bus collision

**Lindsay Stevens & Amy Lynn McDonald**  
*News Desk*

A GMC bicyclist died after colliding with a GC bus on the corner of Clarke and Hancock streets outside Mayfair Hall shortly before 10:20 a.m. Monday morning.

The bicyclist, Logan Jones, attended Georgia Military College and graduated from John Milledge Academy. Jones was pronounced dead at 11:44 a.m. shortly after arriving at Navicent Health Baldwin.

According to the Georgia State Patrol report, Jones was riding his bike on the Hancock Street sidewalk toward downtown and continued onto the crosswalk as a GC bus turned right onto Clarke Street. Jones struck the passenger side of the bus then fell from his bike and slid underneath the bus.

“GMC is devastated by the passing of our junior college student, Logan Jones,” said Jay Bentley, director of communications at GMC. “Logan attended the

GMC Prep School, graduated from the John Milledge Academy before enrolling as a business major at the GMC junior college; he had planned to transfer to Georgia College and State University upon earning his Associates Degree. Logan was a bright light on our campus and will truly be missed. The entire Georgia Military College family offers our deepest condolences to the friends and family of Logan Jones.”

Jones was put on a stretcher, according to eyewitnesses, and taken to the hospital by ambulance.

“We were in Ennis Hall and heard the sirens outside and a bunch of people in the classroom went out on the balcony to see what was going on,” said junior Emma Lammers, a graphic design major. “We realized that someone had been hit by a bus because we saw that a bike was snapped in half and EMS responders putting [Jones] on a stretcher.”

Georgia State Patrol is handling the ongoing investigation because the incident occurred on the street rather than the GC campus.

Both GMC and GC communications said that counseling services will be offered, and the universities will work with the GSP as the investigation continues.

## Groundhog day

**Samuel Tucker**  
*Staff Writer*

With Valentine’s Day presiding as the dominant February holiday, the bizarre holiday just two days into February known as Groundhog Day is often overlooked.

According to a Pennsylvania Dutch tradition, if a certain groundhog sees its shadow on Groundhog Day, then it will retreat to its den, and winter will persist for six more weeks, but if it cannot see its shadow then spring will arrive early.

“[Groundhog Day] really is in line with most major ancient holidays,” said sophomore Jacob Dallas, a creative writing major. “It’s sort of centered around paganism and the idea that spirits determine the weather.”

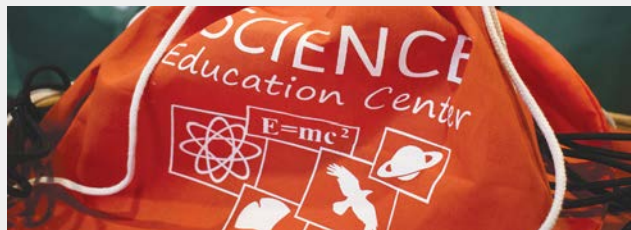
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The Atlanta metropolitan area also has a groundhog of its own, who’s named General Beauregard Lee.

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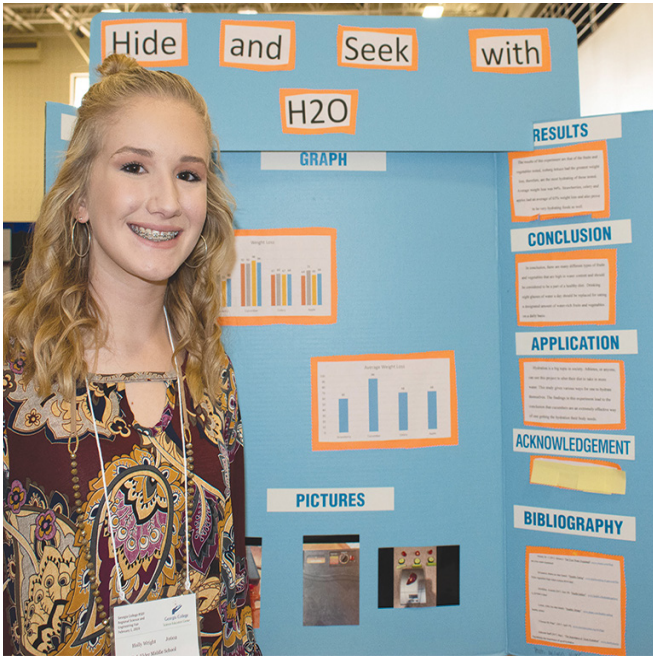
Catherine James  
Staff Writer

Over 350 middle and high school students from 12 counties around GC flooded the Centennial Center for the 42nd annual Science and Engineering Fair on Friday, Feb. 1. Excitement and nerves filled the air as competing students waited for one of 98 GC judges, including faculty, staff and science majors, to approach them and look at their work. “I would like to think it gives our judges hope for the future,” said Catrena Lisse, director of science education and a chemistry professor at GC. Contestants have been doing extensive research and experimentation for months before coming to GC. Some have even grown to become experts on their topics, and managed to amaze GC student judges. Emma Lucciola, a junior chemistry major, judged

the science fair for the first time last year where she was fascinated by a project called Starry Night. She was impressed at the student’s ability to use a sky meter, a device which allows astronomers to measure sky brightness in magnitudes per square second. “He literally pointed the sky meter at the sky and measured the stars,” said Lucciola. It is common for science fair competitors to borrow equipment that they may not have access to through GC. Allowing students to use various equipment to impress the judges is part of the goal of growing and encouraging young students to pursue a future in STEM. “STEM is the fastest growing field,” Lisse said. “We need to catch up and we need to be producing those STEM majors.” Historically, the science fair has allowed GC to reach out to surrounding communities

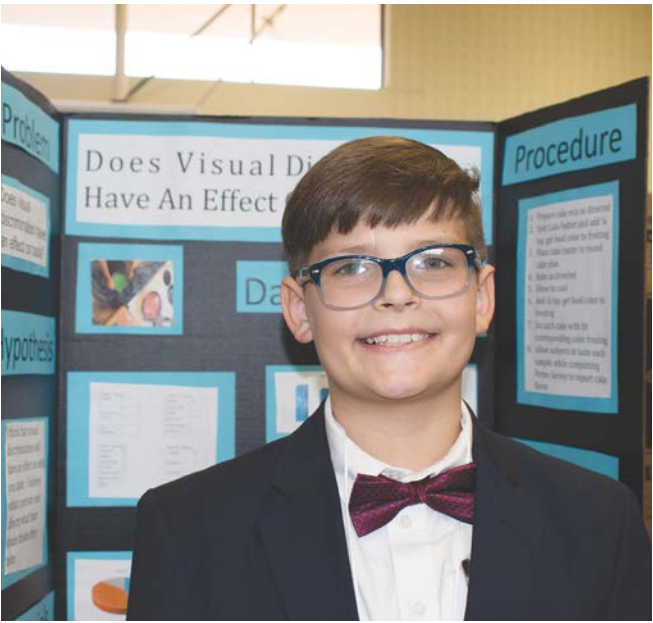
and low income families to ignite interest and excitement for learning. Marilyn Pitts, the mother of high school competitor Javen Pitts, is grateful for the opportunity the science fair has given her son to put his love of STEM to use. “He likes to put things together, experiment and stuff,” she said. “It helps him get closer to his goals.” While the main focus of the science fair is to encourage students to consider a future in a STEM field, students do not have to have STEM related goals to enjoy science. David Garnett, a sixth-grader from Howard Middle School participating in his fifth science fair, studied cake flavors as part of his project. He found that the appearance of a cake often plays a larger role in the way a cake tastes, than the flavor of the cake itself. “I plan on being a baker, but I like STEM a lot because I’m a sci-

ence nerd.” Garnett said. Garnett serves as a reminder that the science community brings people together from all areas of life, regardless of career choice. For two middle and two high school students, the GC science fair was just a small taste of what they will be up against in the state and international competitions. A few past winners of the science fair have even advanced past state levels, and won scholarships. “Five years ago, one of our winners from Macon went on to international and placed fourth,” Lisse said. “She was awarded a four-year full ride scholarship to Harvard.” Whether the science fair has given students a chance to attend college for free, encouraged students to think about going to college, or even confirmed their dreams of becoming a baker, it has made quite an impact on the surrounding community.



Alex Bradley / Staff Photographer

Holly Wright, a seventh grader from T.J. Elder Middle School, in front of her project on Feb. 1



Alex Bradley / Staff Photographer

David Garnett, a sixth grader from Howard Middle School, poses with his project on Feb. 1

Groundhog-hog

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speaks to Punxsutawney Phil about his prediction, and depending on the shadow sighting, the president will tell the vice president to read one of two scrolls announcing the prediction. The Atlanta metropolitan area also has a groundhog of its own, who’s named General Beauregard Lee. General Beauregard Lee resides at the Dauset Trails Nature Center in Jackson, Georgia, and has become a popular addition since moving from Yellow River Game Ranch in Lilburn, Georgia in early 2018. “He acts great, has a lot of personality and people like to watch him scurry around the exhibit,” said Gordon Respass, a naturalist at Dauset Trails. His old website from

the Yellow River Game Ranch claims General Beauregard Lee has a 94 percent accuracy rate in predicting the weather. Despite such claims, General Beauregard Lee has a few notable misses such as his predictions of an early spring before the 1993 “Storm of the Century” and the 2014 “Snowpocalypse.” In fact, according to the fact-checking website PolitiFact, General Beauregard Lee has only predicted the national weather forecast with 60 percent accuracy and the Atlanta weather forecast with 50 percent accuracy. These statistics are still impressive compared to Punxsutawney Phil, who has only predicted the national forecast with 30

percent accuracy and the Punxsutawney forecast with 40 percent accuracy. Diana Young, an associate professor of psychology, points toward a concept called “illusory correlations” to describe the bizarre nature of Groundhog Day. “Because of coincidence and random odds of certain events happening, in

tandem with one another, humans are good at finding links where none really exist,” Young said. “So two things can happen coincidentally together enough times, and because I’m human, I end up saying to myself, ‘These are together for a reason.’” Even if the events that unfold on Groundhog Day

don’t have direct causation with one another, there remains a sense of unity and anticipation that people feel on this holiday. “There is something about the lore of these kinds of traditions that give people a reason to have a common joy,” Young said. “That can be something that brings some positivity in the world.”

**PUNXSUTAWNEY PHIL, PENNSYLVANIA'S FAMOUS GROUNDHOG, DID NOT SEE HIS SHADOW**

Georgia's Groundhog, Gen. Beauregard Lee: Did he see his shadow? **Yes**

**SPRING IS COMING EARLY**

Other State's Groundhogs: Did they see their shadow?

Alabama	- yes	New Jersey	- yes
Colorado	- yes	New York	- no
Connecticut	- no	North Carolina	- yes
Illinois	- yes	Ohio	- no
Louisiana	- yes	South Carolina	- yes
Maryland	- yes	Tennessee	- yes
Massachusetts	- yes	West Virginia	- yes
Michigan	- no	Wisconsin	- no
Nebraska	- no		

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NEWS

# CRIME ON CAMPUS



FEB. 6

## SIMPLE BATTERY

ON SATURDAY, JAN. 26, MPD WERE CALLED TO THE TAVERN, 119 S. WAYNE ST., AT 2:16 A.M. REGARDING AN AN EX-EMPLOYEE ASSAULTING SEVERAL BOUNCERS, HARASSING FEMALE STAFF AND BEING GENERALLY AGGRESSIVE. THE OFFICER MADE CONTACT WITH THE CALLER.

## WILLFUL OBSTRUCTION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

ON SUNDAY, JAN. 27, MPD WERE CALLED TO THE OCONEE GREENWAY. THE OFFICER AND TWO OTHER GC OFFICERS ATTEMPTED TO TALK TO THE SUBJECT, A COLLEGE-AGED MALE, BUT HE STARTED TO UNDRESS. THE MALE REFUSED TO TALK, BUT WOULD SCREAM AND TELL THE POLICE THEY DID NOT UNDERSTAND ART AND ACTIVELY RESISTED ARREST. THE MPD OFFICER DEPLOYED THEIR TASER, THE SUBJECT DROPPED THE GROUND, AND THEY WERE ABLE TO HANDCUFF HIM. THEY FOUND OUT HE HAD TAKEN LSD. THE SUBJECT WAS TRANSPORTED TO NAVICENT HEALTH BALDWIN FOR HIS INJURIES.

## SIMPLE BATTERY

MPD WERE CALLED ON JAN. 29, AT 11:27 A.M. REGARDING A COMPLAINT THAT THE CALLER’S ROOMMATE HAD ASSAULTED HIM IN FRONT OF NEED A NERD. UPON ARRIVAL THE OFFICER TOOK DOWN THE COMPLAINT THEN LEFT.

## THEFT BY TAKING

ON WEDNESDAY, JAN. 30, MPD WERE CALLED TO MAGNOLIA PARK APARTMENTS REGARDING TWO STOLEN 60-INCH SAMSUNG TELEVISIONS. THE OFFICER SPOKE TO THE PROPERTY MANAGER.

## THEFT OF SERVICES

ON THURSDAY, JAN. 31, MPD WERE CALLED TO AMICI DUE TO A PERSON COMING IN AND ORDERING FOOD AND DRINKS, THEN LEAVING WITHOUT PAYING. THE CALLER WANTED TO REPORT THE CRIME AND POSSIBLY BAN THE PERSON FROM THE PREMISES.

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# Emergency aid on call

**Nicole Hazlett**  
*Staff Writer*

GC Police is in charge of keeping students safe, and they leverage remote call technology with blue emergency buttons around campus and in the dorms to provide support to students in emergency situations.

Emergency call buttons can be found all over campus, including parking lots, in dorm rooms and elevators and outside academic buildings.

However, public safety’s emergency number is used more than blue buttons around campus.

“We get about 10 calls [to come to the dorms] a month,” said Lieutenant Gary Purvis of the University Police. “Usually it’s a medical emergency.”

In one medical situation, Hannah Kate Mulanax, a sophomore outdoor education major, was studying with friends when she heard a scream and went to find out what was going on.

“Outside we heard a blood-curdling scream.

We thought people were just partying, but something didn’t seem right so we went outside. We saw a girl in the middle of the street between Sanford and Adams Hall,” Mulanax said. “I called 911, and I pushed the blue button, so I ended up having 911 in one ear and the blue button in the other ear.”

The emergency blue buttons connect to Public Safety, and the GC Police then send out an ambulance to the scene.

“They were really prompt about getting there,” Mulanax said. “[The emergency call box] was blinking and flashing and caught everyone’s attention.”

GC Public Safety emphasizes how important a quick turnaround time is for getting problems under control, and the blue emergency buttons provide easy access to contact emergency response personnel.

In another situation, senior Julia Simpkins, a biology major, was passing Herty Hall one day on the way to class when she saw a professor trip in front of her.

“At first, I thought it

was a nosebleed, but it just kept gushing, and there were puddles of blood,” Simpkins said. “I got a teacher’s attention and tried to call public safety, but at the time no one was answering. I looked up and saw the emergency button and decided that it would probably call [someone] who could help or send help.”

After pressing the button, the police, a firetruck and an ambulance arrived shortly after to treat the teacher. This medical problem was quickly under control because GC Police were able to respond quickly.

Those approximately 10 calls a month, do not take into account calls the ones that are made by mistake, such as when someone accidentally pushes a button without there being an emergency.

There are even some calls that are not by mistake or medical problems.

“There have been snakes in the dorms and raccoons in Russell,” Purvis said.

Regardless if the emergency is dangerous, medical, or animal chaos, GC Police is there to help students.



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## NEWS

## Let freedom ride

**Amy Lynn McDonald***Asst. News Editor*

Civil rights leader Bernard LaFayette Jr. shared his wisdom from coordinating freedom rides and marches as well as his vision for current nonviolent protests with GC students on Wednesday, Jan. 30 in the A&S auditorium.

Attendees listened closely as LaFayette, a cofounder of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, spoke of strategy meetings, laughing as he shared funny stories of men now revered as Civil Rights heroes.

“Just being in his presence, I was starstruck,” said junior Taylor Carswell, an accounting major and SGA senator.

LaFayette’s painful experiences—being packed into a jail for riding in the front of segregated buses, being hit with hoses and abused at lunch counter sit-ins—seemed dimmed by years passed along with his unshakable hope and faith in human goodness.

“He is the best kind of celebrity,” said sopho-

more Ana Paulasanchez, a mass communication major who attended the event. “How powerful is it to see a man who fought for something still serving with such joy and humility?”

**Alongside MLK**  
In his day, LaFayette organized lunch counter sit-ins and desegregation efforts for bus stations in Nashville. At the ripe age of 22, he was assigned by MLK to coordinate and send teams to Selma, Alabama, to mobilize local leaders for marches and voter registration drives.

The revered speaker shared his inspiration for joining the civil rights movement: his grandmother.

He recalled an incident in the late 40s as a young boy when his grandmother

paid her bus fare up at the front but then had to walk outside the bus to sit in the back. Before she reached the back door, she tripped, the bus driver took off and he was left alone in the street with his injured grandmother.

“Even at that young age, I thought to myself, ‘When I get grown, I’m going to do something about this problem. Not for my grandchildren, but for my grandmother,’” LaFayette said.

LaFayette’s calm voice was steady, punctuated with chuckles as he laughed at his own jokes or reminisced about riding in the car with Martin Luther King, Jr.

“On those long car rides between cities, it was [MLK]’s job to keep the driver awake,” LaFayette said. “He would have us all rolling laughing because he told the best jokes.”

When the young men weren’t laughing, they were planning and strategizing.

LaFayette recalled MLK recruiting military veterans for their ability to see obstacles and plot ways around them as the civil rights movement faced obstacles across the southeast.

Remaining non-violent in the

face of violent opposition was one of the movement’s most impressive tactics.

“Having non-violent leadership meant that [those within the movement] accepted the strategy of what we were doing,” LaFayette said.

When it was time for LaFayette to take a treacherous ride through rural Alabama in the front seat of a segregated bus on one of his famed freedom rides, he said he was determined and unafraid.

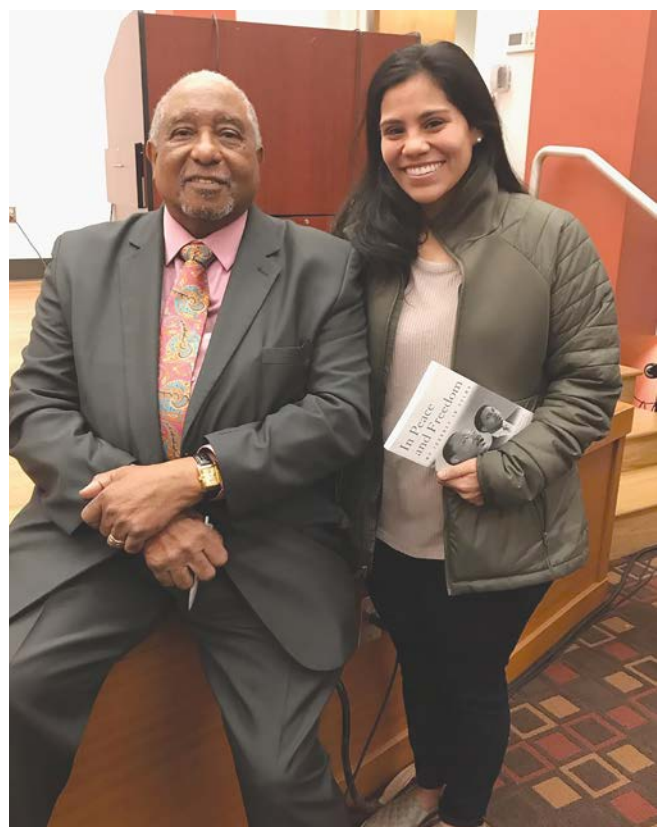
“I had already faced death in my life,” LaFayette said. “So I didn’t fear death.”

He talked about the white people who stood with him and others in the Selma march and who voted to pass the Civil Rights Act in Congress. He emphasized that people came together and saw each other beyond skin color and beyond prejudices.

LaFayette culminated with a final encouragement to find meaning in life by giving of yourself to better the lives of those around you.

**Hope for the 21st century**

When a student stood up and asked what lessons he could give to 21st century activists, that he stepped to the front of the stage,



Amy Lynn McDonald / Assistant News Editor

LaFayette signed a copy of his book for a student

reinvigorated and impassioned for nonviolent protest to bring about change.

He encouraged young leaders to research their topics, observe the scenarios they are walking into and to keep faith.

“Talk to your opponents, and if you can say something nice, do so,” LaFayette said. “You need to win people over, not win over people.”

When asked about the current division in our country, the civil rights leader said he wasn’t worried, that this too shall pass.

Those words were a balm to event organizer Stacey Milner, director of the cultural center, who invited LaFayette to GC.

“I know right now in our country there are a lot of folks who are [asking], ‘Is this the end of us as a country?’ and even Dr. LaFayette said he is not worried,” Milner said. “I breathed a sigh of relief! For him to say he’s not worried, then I know I shouldn’t be worried, because [he] has seen way more in his lifetime than we have seen in ours.”

## Alum starts nonprofit

**Miya Banks***Staff Writer*

What was originally intended to fill a gap year turned into a long-term project and lifelong passion for GC alum Jonathan Golden.

The project began with Golden and his friend Zach Rader sitting on a sofa at the Bellamy. It was January 2018, and the two were both exercise science majors with a gap year between graduation and PT school. They were sitting together wondering what they could do for a year when Golden had an idea.

Several years ago, Golden had spent time in Rwanda interning for the Rwandan national cycling team. During his internship, he noticed a need for healthcare in the more remote districts.

He and Rader decided to pursue meeting that need, and together, they founded the nonprofit Do Good Health in 2018.

A month before traveling to Rwanda, the two sent emails to people in the remote community, asking them to get as many people out for health assessments as possible when they arrived.

“We had 3,000 show up [for health assessments],” Golden said. “We were able to test between two or three hundred.”

Now, one year later, DGH is set to build its first clinic in the district of Rutiro by Lake Kivu. GC’s honor society, Eta Sigma Alpha, recently took on the nonprofit as its philanthropy.

Their model is that DGH builds and outfits the clinics, but the Rwandan government staffs, operates and supplies them. Additionally, organizations

that partner with DGH and assist with funding sponsor rooms, wings and buildings in the clinics.

The ministry of health directors in Rwanda liked the DGH model so much that they offered Golden 99 lots of land in 99 other communities in Rutiro. Immediately after the first clinic is complete, Golden intends to start fundraising and planning for a second clinic.

Involvement of the Rwandan government and health systems are key in making DGH’s model sustainable for remote districts like Rutiro because 96 percent of Rwanda is covered by government health insurance.

“If we allowed the government to run and operate [the clinic], it would allow the people to use health insurance they already have and essentially get care for free,” Golden said.

The blueprints for the first clinic include an education room, which will be funded by ESA, Golden said.

“The education room will function as a place where community members can get free education on public health issues like hand washing and a place where students, [or] people from the U.S., can come and teach classes to the community or teach skills to the medical staff,” Golden said.

Golden’s time at GC has helped him in this journey because he “learned to have work ethic and how to put things together,” he said, among several other reasons.

As a student at GC, Golden was a supplemental instruction leader in the Learning Center under director Jeanne Haslam. His job was making session plans.

“[SI leaders] think about how to deliver difficult content easily and interactively,” Haslam said.

When he began planning for the education room in the clinic, Jonathan had to plan a curriculum for an audience ranging from preschoolers to the elderly, most of who are illiterate. The usual posters with written instruction would not work.

“But he could do short videos, and he could have monitors in the waiting room,” Haslam said. “He could have pamphlets that aren’t verbally written out with script but instead in pictorials.”

Senior public health major Zac Harrison is currently completing his internship with DGH. “I didn’t want to go to an institution where a lot of the more ordinary internships are,” Harrison said. “Here I can really pursue whichever endeavors that will really get us to our ultimate goal, and that is to provide quality access of healthcare to a population that is in need.”

In the future, Harrison hopes to visit the completed clinic in Rutiro.

Even though Americans are working towards building these clinics, Golden believes it is beneficial for the people to see that help is coming from the Rwandan government, especially in light of the recent civil war and genocides in Rwanda.

“It’s best for Rwanda that they see Rwandans are helping Rwandans, and even more so it’s best for people that they see the government is helping them,” said Golden. “So by allowing the government to operate it, more faith is going to be restored in the government, which I think is always positive.”

## Park smart, Bobcats

**Natalie Sadler***Staff Writer*

GC parking and transportation services has issued 1,893 tickets since Aug. 20, 2018. These tickets typically cost \$30 for someone who has parked out-of-zone, has an expired permit or has not applied for a permit.

Currently there are 2,414 GC parking spaces (including employee spaces) on Central Campus. However, GC Parking and Transportation Services is looking to add to that number with two potential parking lots.

“It’s a work in progress,” said John Bowen, senior manager of Parking and Transportation Services. “We’re working on completing the purchase of some property close to main campus that the plan is to develop as parking.”

One parking lot is planned for a piece of property behind Public Safety’s Hall House. The other lot will likely be located on the corner of Montgomery and Wayne street, across from Miller Court.

“I don’t know how quickly they’ll be developed and be ready to park in and how it will change the landscape just yet,” Bowen said.

“We’re just getting some estimates right now on how many spaces a lot at one of these locations would be able to hold.”

In the meantime, there are many parking resources students can use, some of which might be a little out of sight.

With 372 commuter spaces (including shared parking with guests) and 2,489 commuter permits issued for the 2018-2019 school year, commuters may find parking difficult.

However, all students pay parking fees for two valuable, underutilized places: the Irwin Street lot and Centennial Center’s commuter and guest spaces.

Irwin Street is a perimeter lot, which means that it is open to all permit holders and types. This lot is four blocks from campus, and GC shuttles pick up students every eight minutes. Due to its distance, this lot is not used to maximum capacity.

“It’s a convenience factor,” said sophomore Nathan Graham, one of the SGA representatives on the Parking and Transportation Advisory Committee. “Irwin Street is not convenient for people who want to go to health sciences, or any other building on campus, but they have transportation there.”

However, students who use this lot will skip the stress of finding a two-hour parking space.

“Instead of taking those extra minutes to drive around campus three times to find a parking spot for two-hour parking, mathematically, you have a guaranteed parking spot over there [at Irwin Street],” said Graham, a political science and economics double major.

Commuter students can also find more parking at Centennial Center in the 120 first-come, first-serve shared guest and commuter spaces. It also has a shuttle that runs every 15 minutes. These Centennial commuter spaces are also underutilized and are half-empty almost every day.

“That’s painful to see,” Bowen said. “We dedicated that space because we know commuters need more parking on main campus, based on the numbers.”

Milledgeville’s historic buildings and GC’s green spaces make it difficult to

develop more parking lots. However, these aspects are what distinguish GC from other college campuses.

“People come here, and they love our main campus square and the surrounding neighborhoods with some of the old antebellum homes,” Bowen said. “We are just squeezed in between all of that with not a lot of space to grow and build parking lots.”

Both Parking and Transportation Services and the Parking and Transportation Advisory Committee try to allocate this limited space between residents, employees and commuters as best as they can. The PTAC meets three times a semester and is represented by half faculty and half students.

“All the different constituencies are represented,” said Donna Bennett, the associate director of collection and resource services and the university senate representative on the PTAC. “We talk about what we’ve heard from our constituents, and we see if any changes are needed or if we need to make any recommendations.”

Until the two new lots are completed, students should consider GC’s other parking opportunities. Bowen and Graham suggest students try the Irwin Street lot and Centennial Center parking spaces for a week and see if it alleviates parking frustrations. Additionally, as the spring weather approaches, a nice walk from these lots may improve student’s moods.

“I would look at it as more of an opportunity to exercise, see the neighborhood and experience a nice day,” Bennett said. “Listen to the birds, smell the flowers. Relax a little bit between this thing and the next thing.”



SPORTS

Jannik

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years here and plans to re-locate to either Miami or Atlanta after graduation. “Jannik is a different guy on and off the court,” said teammate Nathan Connelly. “On court of course he is serious and a team leader; off court he can have fun and has a good social life. Overall, he is a good mix of being focused and

serious and having fun.” Kumbier’s goal for the 2019 season is to stay healthy and play consistently since the past two years have been rough due to two serious injuries. He is looking to optimize his match play and continue using his dominant forehand as his main weapon on the tennis court. “If I am playing and healthy, the Peach Belt Conference tournament is one of my favorite events,” Kumbier said. With 3 of the teams in the PBC being Top 10 teams in the nation, Kumb-

ier acknowledges the competition is intense, and he is practicing harder than ever. “I am practicing attacking and ending more points at the net, as well as my backhand, just being more aggressive overall,” Kumbier said about personal strategy for the 2019 season. “Jannik has done a good job for us over the years,” said head coach Steve Barsby. “He has been around and knows the competition that is out there. We have had probably 8-10 German kids since I have been coaching here. Every guy we have had from Germany is your stereotypical regimented guy.” With Kumbier as a team leader, the Bobcat men’s tennis team is looking forward to a successful 2019 season.



Courtesy of Alex Bradley  
Jannik Kumbier practicing for a match on Jan. 31



Courtesy of Lexie Baker  
Coed volleyball teams attempting to block a spike at a game on Jan. 30, 2019

Intramurals above US averages

Katie O’Neal  
Staff Writer

The GC intramural program continues to thrive year after year, with a flag football team finishing 2nd in the country to referees qualifying for national tournaments. “A lot of people get their competitive sports fill through our intramural program,” said Driver Watson, coordinator of Rec Sports. The intramural culture at GC is also an opportunity to build relationships. With the Intramural Legends Program, Greek Cup

and Rec Fest, participation and interest in intramural sports continues to increase. GC has a significantly higher participation average than most universities. “The national average that participate in intramurals is 18 percent at the university level,” said Drew Bruton, associate director of Wellness and Recreation. “[We have] about 42 percent of the student body that participates.” At most universities, 80 percent of participants in intramural sports are male while only 20% are female. At GC during the Fall 2018 semester, however, the intramural participa-

tion was 52 percent male and 48 percent female. “I think intramurals are great,” said senior Caroline Tarpley, an intramural legend. “It is very organized, and if it wasn’t, people wouldn’t be as involved.” The staff work late nights to be involved with the tournaments and understand what the students enjoy. The facilities are well taken care of as an attraction for students to get involved. “We try to do what we can to tailor our game schedules and sports offerings around what the students want,” Bruton said. The sports offered also cater to more than

the average athlete. “We focus on how can we get the nontraditional athlete to come out and have fun in our programs,” Bruton said. GC offers a wide variety of sports, such as dodgeball, kickball, corn hole, spike ball, indoor and outdoor soccer and ultimate Frisbee. Students have different opportunities to try different things, find different sports that they like or do ones that they are already good at. “It is definitely a place where people meet a lot of their best friends,” Watson said.

Green, Wommack look to build on 2018 success

Steven Walters  
Editor-in-Chief

Two of the PBC’s top hitters cashed in an extra year of eligibility to return for one last season in green pinstripes. Seniors Garrett Green and Wesley Wommack finished ninth and sixth, respectively, in batting average in the PBC in 2018. Both players have improved each year since joining the team as redshirt freshmen in the 2015-16 season. Wommack, a left-handed hitting outfielder, broke out in the 2016 season with a .343 average, six home runs and 39 RBIs while starting 45 games. His season netted him PBC Freshman of the Year honors. Green, a right-handed hitting infielder, played in

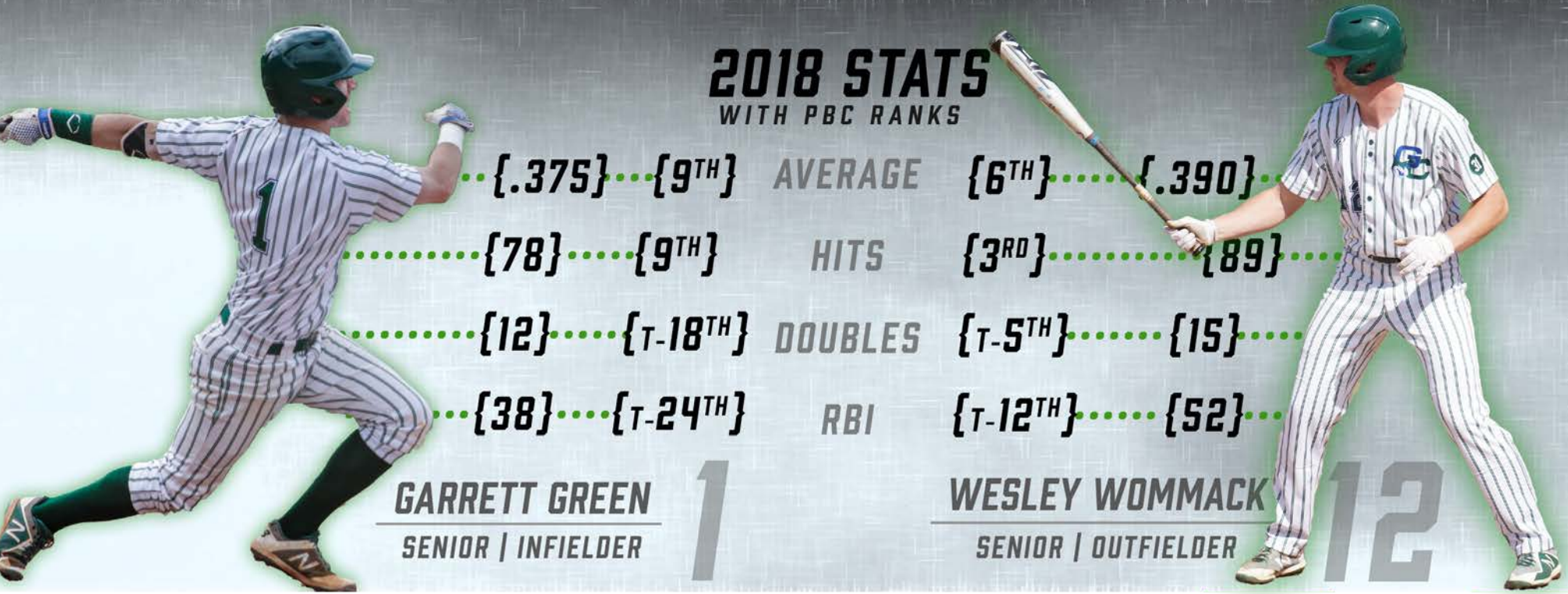
44 games in 2016, hitting .304 with eight doubles. When head coach Jason Eller came in for the 2017 season, both played in all 49 games, with Wommack hitting .369 and Green hitting .301. Green and Wommack both took their games to the next level in 2018 through working with Eller and assistant coach Jake Sandlin. Wommack hit in the No. 3 spot in the order and ranked in the Top 15 in the PBC with a .395 batting average (sixth), 89 hits (third), 15 doubles (tied-fifth), 52 runs batted in (t-12th), 11 stolen bases (t-13th) a .432 on-base percentage (14th) and a .535 slugging percentage (15th). “The biggest thing I think with me was mentally getting more in tune, getting stronger mentally and just

looking forward to the next at-bat,” Wommack said. Green finished the 2018 campaign with a .375 batting average and 78 hits, both ranking ninth in the PBC. He said his success was the result of a mechanical change in his swing. “I had a big, one-hand finish and Eller came up to me and said, ‘Hey man, I want you to shorten your swing up and finish two hands. I think it really might help you get your swing plane flatter and you’ll be in the zone longer.’ And for me it really clicked right away,” Green said. Green and Wommack said they want to build on their 2018 seasons and go out with a bang. After struggling in the playoffs, Green said he focused on getting stronger this offseason. The 6-foot-1 190-pound

Wommack said he adjusted his hitting mechanics and spent time in the weight room to improve his power at the plate. “To a certain extend I’ve added a little leg kick and just focused on looking at some of the new swings in the big leagues,” said Wommack, a business management major. “Not saying that I’m just adjusting to the upswing and launch angle, but I’m trying to adapt my swing based on how the game is changing.” The younger Bobcats view them as mentors. Junior Cal Gentry said Green and Wommack took him under their wing and helped him adjust to college baseball life. Gentry went on to hit .441 in his freshman year and earned first team All-Peach Belt honors. “They’re two of my fa-

vorite teammates I’ve ever been with,” Gentry said. “They bring so much good energy and good vibes to the field and the weight room.” Wommack said there were numerous players who impacted him along the way including Brandon Purcell and Brandon Benson, both with the St. Louis Cardinals organization. “I think learning how they played the game and now they’re obviously in pro ball, learning how they played the game and trying to mimic what they did has allowed me to mature and grow more as a player,” Wommack said. Green and Wommack will look to build upon their 2018 success while leaving a legacy for the next generation. “No matter if you’re 0-for-4 or 4-for-4, you can

be a great teammate and serve your teammates,” Green said. “That’s really what we try to teach the young kids because I think that will carry them to a successful four-year or five-year career and that’s really what I want to leave my mark on the program.” Eller knows the team has big cleats to fill next year. He said their strong characters make them special players. “Those guys just do such a great job of being role models every day and great teammates every day,” Eller said. “It’s just who they are and what they do in the clubhouse and how they act when they get off the bus and go into restaurants, everything that they do man. Those guys are pure joy to be around and I love them being around my own children to rub off on them.”



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Among the three pets, there are three different costs when it comes to the price of taking care of them.

“The most expensive part of having Louis is the pet fee at my apartment and his shots. That’s pretty much it,” said Olton.

The initial costs for some pets might be higher depending on the animal.

“Having a turtle is not very expensive in the long run. At first, the tank, filter and rocks for the tank are

expensive, but the only thing one needs to buy after that is the food. His food lasts him awhile and is inexpensive,” said Pellack.

A common assumption students have about getting a pet is that it will be a large time commitment that will interfere with their academics or their social lives. Students can have it all if they choose a pet that is easy to maintain and is especially cost-effective.

“He doesn’t really interfere, I just feel really sad leaving him when I’m in

class because I worry I’m not spending enough time with him,” said Olton.

Having the extra company can be a nice thing when feeling lonely.

“He definitely makes me feel less alone because I only have one roommate that’s gone a fair amount, and he doesn’t bother her,” said Olton.

The type of pet a student gets all boils down to a few factors, their schedule, their finances and location.



Photo courtesy of Lexi Pellack

Pellack’s turtle, Squirtle, is named after a Pokémon character

Honors voice recital

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The evening of Friday, Feb. 1, nine GC music students performed in the Spring Voice Honors Recital in Max Noah Recital Hall.

During fall semester finals, a jury consisting of the entire GC music faculty listened to and assessed each of the 42 music students before nominating nine to perform in the spring recital.

GC freshman music therapy major Julia Hufford was one of the nine selected. Due to the selectivity of the recital, Hufford has been rehearsing her pieces inside and outside of the classroom.

“I practice a lot on my own and once a week with my voice teacher,” Hufford said.

As the recital drew near, students like Ansley Montgomery, a junior music major, diligently practiced with their individual voice coaches to perfect their pieces.

“I’ve done extra rehearsals with my pianist to

try and finalize technical things,” Montgomery said, “like when to slow down, when to breathe... just to make sure we’re on the same page.”

GC voice faculty member Youngmi Kim has been a part of the program since fall 2017 and the Voice Honors Recital was organized during her second semester at GC. She has now begun her fourth semester and this will be the third recital she has been involved with.

Three of Kim’s students were selected by the jury to perform in the recital, including senior music major Shelbea Fordham, who performed two classical pieces with an air of confidence and vocal strength.

Each of the students selected, sang two or three pieces, depending on length. Although all nine students performed classical music pieces this year, this isn’t always the case.

“Usually, it’s a mix between classical and musical theatre—any song that we work on during our lessons and studies,” Fordham said.

On the night of the

recital, excitement was high as the Max Noah Recital Hall quickly filled up with approximately 125 students, faculty members and parents.

One after the other, students Torri Harris, Jackson McAfee, Julia Hufford, Richard Guyton, Ansley Montgomery, John Mitchell, Kaitlyn Eckman, Turner Howell and Shelbea Fordham blew the audience away with their unique talents.

The students’ variations in vocal types made for an interesting succession of classical music, with the performers’ voices ranging from baritone to soprano.

Each performance included a bit of personality and personal signature as the students, accompanied by pianists Kaju Lee and Lev Ryabinin, brought their pieces to life on stage.

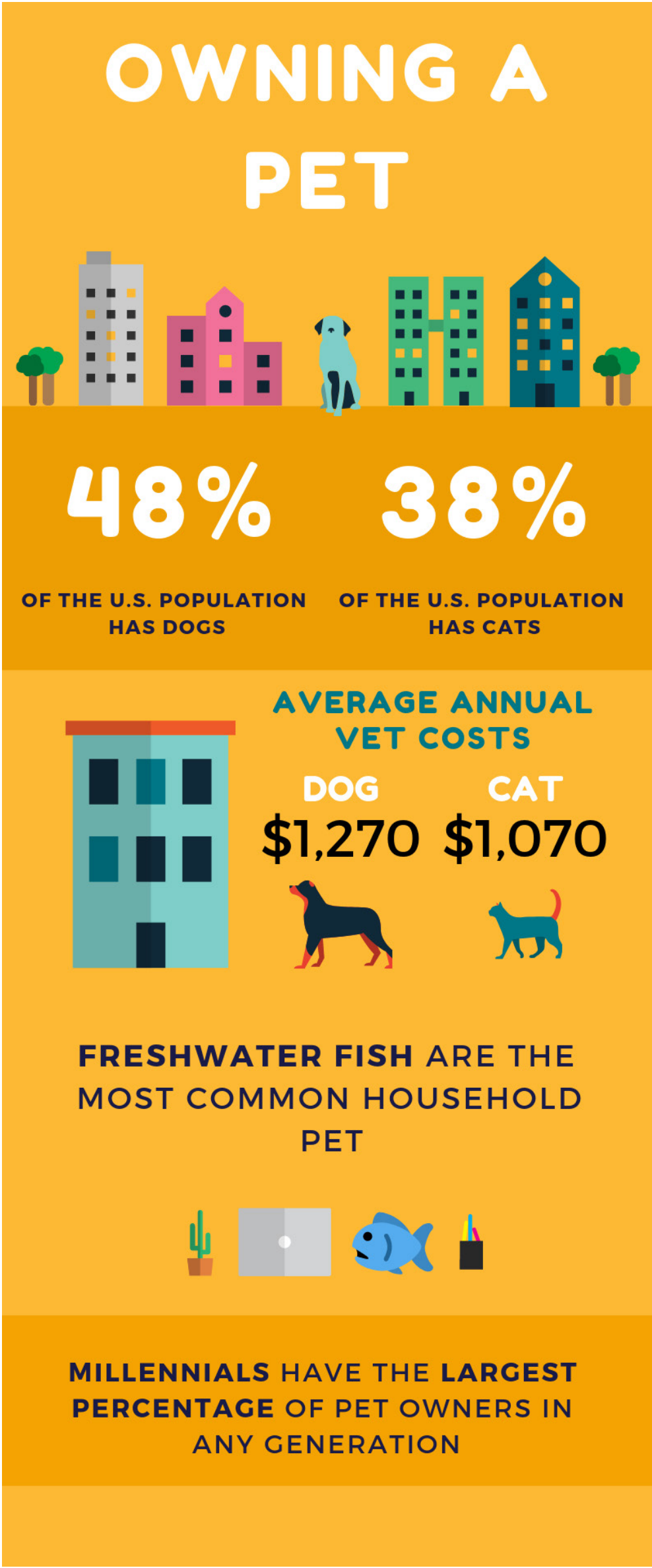
At the conclusion of the recital, the audience’s applause spoke loudly for the performers’ talent level.

The general feeling at Max Noah was one of pride and excellence.



Photo courtesy of Madi Brillhart

Shelbea Fordham rehearses for the recital on Wednesday Jan. 30



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Community drumming

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GC's Community Drumming Group strays from traditional drum styles to strengthen the bond between students and community members in a relaxed, enjoyable environment.

Christopher Karow, a graduate music therapy student, explained that the group is open to all community members and students. The sessions last for an hour and are occasionally held outside. Usually eight to 12 people attend but he hopes the group will continue to grow.

"Sometimes there is a lot of fear in meeting new people, so I felt like promoting the drum circle would help bring people together that wouldn't normally be together," Karow said.

"It's a great energetic release," said Jesse Griggs, a Milledgeville community member.

Griggs also said that it helps him build up energy to go about his day. He leaves feeling happy and uplifted.

"When I hit the drum

for the first time, it became more than just a way to get my [clinical] hours completed," said sophomore Grace Englert, a music therapy major. "The experience allows for the participants to step out of their comfort zones and to open their minds."

Englert also said that drumming helps her relieve her anxiety because it makes her forget about whatever might be stressing her.

"I leave the sessions much more relaxed than I had been at the start," Englert said.

Karow is currently writing a guidebook for future group facilitators to study. He says facilitators are not limited to music therapy majors. Anyone can become one after a short training session.

"We focus on facilitating the group instead of leading the group, and we try to sort of get a creative collective," said Karow. "I might start out a pattern but let the group members enter in with their own voice and create their own sound based on their original pattern."

Karow said different percussion instruments are used to build soundscapes,

or new songs. Sometimes popular songs are played during the sessions.

"We decided to sing songs [at specific gathering] over a drumbeat, and then we did a mashup and combined the two songs," said Karow. "Then layered them in harmony, but it was totally the group's idea. It developed organically."

Traditional drum circles only use jimbe, a chalice shaped drum with an animal skin covering and vertical ropes surrounding the basin to change the sound. Karow said he wants to introduce new, unusual instruments to the group like the tank drum, a propane tank turned into a drum. He also tries to give history behind each instrument.

The group has previously been asked to play at Carlyle Place in Macon, and they have been invited to play at an international club dinner and the Art Healthy Fair late this year.

The sessions are held Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Fridays at 2 p.m. in room 103 of the Health Sciences building.



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Christopher Karow leads the group in a drumming session on Jan. 30

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8 a.m. Office Decorating Contest Begins

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

10 a.m. Office Decorating Contest (judging)

2 p.m. Office Decorating Contest Winners Announced

5 p.m. Residence Hall Spirit Board Contest (RSA) – Centennial Center

5:30 p.m. Women's Basketball Game vs. Clayton State – Centennial Center

7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball Game vs. Clayton State – Centennial Center

9:30 p.m. Sailesh (Hypnotist) – A&S Auditorium

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

7 - 8:30 p.m. Glow Run 5k – West Campus

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

2 - 5 p.m. Alumni Registration – Magnolia Ballroom

6 p.m. Baseball vs. Georgia Southwestern – West Campus

7 p.m. Homecoming Concert (doors open) – Centennial Center

7:30 p.m. Homecoming Concert Begins – Centennial Center

8 - 11:30 p.m. Meet and Greet Social – Heritage Hall

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Blue and Green Day

9 a.m. Tent City Opens – Centennial Square

10 a.m. Alumni Registration – Magnolia Ballroom

10 a.m. NPHC Plaza Unveiling – Bell Hall Parking Lot

10:30 a.m. Parade Line-up – Peabody Parking Lot

11 a.m. Homecoming Parade Begins – Peabody Parking Lot

11 a.m. Tailgating Begins – Centennial Center Parking Lot

12 p.m. Community Stage – Centennial Center Patio

12 p.m. Tent City Family Zone – Grassy Area Between Centennial Center and Napier Hall

12:00 - 12:30 p.m. African-American Alumni Council – Sallie Ellis Davis House

12:30 - 2:30 p.m. Art Department Reunion Luncheon – Underwood House

1 p.m. Baseball Doubleheader - Game 1 vs. Georgia Southwestern – West Campus

1 p.m. Softball vs. Belmont Abbey – West Campus

2 p.m. Cornhole Tournament (Wellness & Recreation) – Centennial Center Patio

3:30 p.m. Women's Basketball vs. Augusta – Centennial Center

Women's ½ Time: Intro of Duke and Duchess Courts

4 p.m. Baseball Doubleheader - Game 2 vs. Georgia Southwestern – West Campus

5:30 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. Augusta – Centennial Center

Men's ½ Time: Intro of King and Queen Courts

7:30 p.m. Taste of Milledgeville – Front Campus

8:30 p.m. Reunite Celebration – Donahoo Lounge

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

11 - 2 p.m. Zeta Phi Beta 30th Celebration Luncheon – University Banquet Room

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